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land and come to a complete stop (or to a speed of approximately 3 knots for water landings) from a point 50 feet above the landing surface must be determined with—

(1) Speeds appropriate to the type of rotorcraft and chosen by the applicant to avoid the critical areas of the height-velocity envelope established under § 29.87; and

(2) The approach and landing made with power on and within approved limits.

(b) Each multiengine Category B rotorcraft that meets the powerplant installation requirements for Category A must meet the requirements of—

(1) Sections 29.79 and 29.81; or

(2) Paragraph (a) of this section.

(c) It must be possible to make a safe landing on a prepared landing surface if complete power failure occurs during normal cruise.

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§ 29.85 Balked landing: Category A.

For Category A rotorcraft, the balked landing path must be established so that—

(a) With the critical engine inoperative, the transition from each stage of the maneuver to the next stage can be made smoothly and safely;

(b) With the critical engine failed and the failure recognized at the landing decision point on the approach path selected by the applicant, a safe climbout can be made at speeds allowing compliance with the climb requirements of § 29.67(a) (1) and (2); and

(c) The rotorcraft does not descend below 15 feet above the landing surface. For elevated heliport operations, descent may be below the level of the landing surface provided the deck edge clearance of § 29.60 is maintained and the descent distance below the landing surface is determined.

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§ 29.87 Height-velocity envelope.

(a) If there is any combination of height and forward velocity (including hover) under which a safe landing cannot be made after failure of the critical engine and with the remaining engines

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(where applicable) operating within approved limits, a height-velocity envelope must be established for—

(1) All combinations of pressure altitude and ambient temperature for which takeoff and landing are approved; and

(2) Weight from the maximum weight (at sea level) to the highest weight approved for takeoff and landing at each altitude. For helicopters, this weight need not exceed the highest weight allowing hovering out-of-ground effect at each altitude.

(b) For single-engine or multiengine rotorcraft that do not meet the Category A engine isolation requirements, the height-velocity envelope for complete power failure must be established.

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FLIGHT CHARACTERISTICS

§ 29.141 General.

The rotorcraft must—

(a) Except as specifically required in the applicable section, meet the flight characteristics requirements of this subpart—

(1) At the approved operating altitudes and temperatures;

(2) Under any critical loading condition within the range of weights and centers of gravity for which certification is requested; and

(3) For power-on operations, under any condition of speed, power, and rotor r.p.m. for which certification is requested; and

(4) For power-off operations, under any condition of speed, and rotor r.p.m. for which certification is requested that is attainable with the controls rigged in accordance with the approved rigging instructions and tolerances;

(b) Be able to maintain any required flight condition and make a smooth transition from any flight condition to any other flight condition without exceptional piloting skill, alertness, or strength, and without danger of exceeding the limit load factor under any operating condition probable for the type, including—